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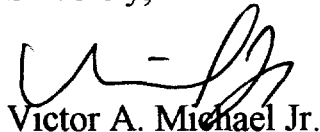
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Amelia, Louisiana.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcast Stations)
)
(Amelia, Louisiana))

RM-_____

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 249C3 (97.7 Mhz) to Amelia, Louisiana as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 249C3 (97.7 Mhz) to Amelia, Louisiana and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 249C3 to will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Amelia is located in Southeast Louisiana. It is also located within Assumption County, a county of some 22,753 persons. Amelia has a population of 2,447 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 249C3 to Amelia will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Amelia is located at Morgan City, Louisiana. Morgan City is located 22 kilometers from Amelia.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Amelia is presently without local FM service.

4. Amelia would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 22 Kilometers of Amelia. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Amelia area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 249C3 can be allotted to Amelia and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Amelia, Louisiana	-----	249C3

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 249C3 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 249C3 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 29 - 30' - 21", W. 91 - 03' - 46") are that of a site located 18.4 kilometers south of the community of Amelia. A site restriction of 18.4 kilometers south will be required to allot channel 249C3 to Amelia. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Amelia. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Amelia would benefit from the allotment of channel 249C3. It has also been shown that channel 249C3 can be allotted to Amelia and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 249C3 for Amelia, Louisiana , 73.202.

8. Should channel 249C3 be allotted to Amelia, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Amelia, Louisiana.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 22, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 249C3 (97.7 MHz), at N. 29 30 21, W. 91 3 46.

Searching Channel 249C3 (97.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	New Orleans	LA	246	C	U	110.4	96.0	65.5°	14.4
WEZB	New Orleans	LA	246	C	L	110.4	96.0	65.5°	14.4
ALC	Kaplan	LA	247	C2	U	110.5	56.0	299.9°	54.5
KMDL	Kaplan	LA	247	C2	L	108.5	56.0	303.6°	52.5
ALC	Beaumont	TX	248	C1	U	291.9	144.0	283.4°	147.9
KAYDFM	Beaumont	TX	248	C1	L	302.0	144.0	281.8°	158.0
KAYDFM	Beaumont	TX	248	C1	L	291.9	144.0	283.4°	147.9
ALC	Marksville	LA	249	A	U	204.2	138.0	331.4°	66.2
K249DI	Houma	LA	249	D	L	32.6	0.0	73.1°	32.6
KAPBFM	Marksville	LA	249	A	L	204.2	138.0	331.4°	66.2
ALC	Fayette	MS	249	A	U	240.6	138.0	359.0°	102.6
ALC	Tylertown	MS	249	A	U	200.9	138.0	26.3°	62.9
WTYJ	Fayette	MS	249	A	L	240.6	138.0	359.0°	102.6
WTYJ	Fayette	MS	249	A	C	240.6	138.0	359.0°	102.6
WTYLFM	Tylertown	MS	249	A	L	200.9	138.0	26.3°	62.9
ALC	D'Iberville	MS	250	C2	V	234.9	117.0	63.4°	117.9
WCPRFM	Wiggins	MS	250	C2	L	223.0	117.0	56.5°	106.0
ALC	Baton Rouge	LA	251	C	U	96.5	96.0	351.3°	0.5
WDGL	Baton Rouge	LA	251	C	L	96.5	96.0	351.3°	0.5

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
AMELIA, LOUISIANA
MOUNTIAN WEST BROADCASTING